Shakespearean Societies Here Have No Excuse for Existence, He Says.

Voting was never a more popular sport than it is now. The agitation of these who are disqualified from exerclaing the right of suffrage is become ing more and more marked.

The so-called "suffragists" are no the only one's who are strangely disqualified through legal machinery-the actors are in the same boat.

Robert Mantell made this point the basis of an interview yesterday, but he did not go into any definite argument over the subject. He merely voiced his utter inability to comprehend wherein there was any gain for the disqualifi-

#### In Front Rank of Drame

On account of a certain telephon message, due from Norfolk, from Robert Bruce Mantell, ir., aged four years, the talk was fast and furious but intensely interesting.

Over a period of more than quarter of a century, Mantell has stood in the front ranks of the drama in this coun-try, and whatever he says and thinks has a world and a lifetime of experi-

ice back of it.
"All of this worry of the suffragists always brings my own particular cross to mind," said Mr. Mantell. He has a trick of opening his eyes very, very wide, when excited, and his mo

His hair may be quite gray, and his record a living witness to many years of constant service on the Amer-ican stage, but Robert Mantell does not seem the least bit old.

He is one of that precious race of people who are always young, no matter how old they are. Perhaps it is the four-year-old boy down in Norfolk, with the yellow hair and sturdy figure, but then again it might be only the divine spark of ageless genius it self that one sees.

#### No Time to Lobby.

"We actors can't vote," he went on "and it is the most outrageous and nonsensical thing I ever heard of. Oh, yes," in answer to a question, "several people have tried to do some thing about it, but no one is really interested enough in us but ourselves,

and gracious knows we do not have time for lobbying." He called to mind a few of those who are allowed to vote, and the interviewer was weirdly aware of the fact that regular bons fide suffrage ments, which usually come from wielded by Mr. Mantell.

In conclusion he asked that a mes-sage be delivered certain clubs of this city. The writer, since this story has been written editorially. disclaims all responsibility for this

Mr. Mantell asked especially that sent an autograph letter from the re-the message be printed, and said he would be pleased to talk with any the custom that each nation followed who are interested enough to

over the question with him.
"I consider that I have been offered the highest kind of an insult," he said. by the so-called Shakespeare societies, Drama League, and other literary uplift societies of this city. I refer to the audiences, or rather lack of audiences, at my performance. of audiences, at my performances this "Is there any other person in this

city, in this country, no. I ask in the world, who is going about touring with a company such as mine, play-ing Shakespearean drama? There is

company to come to this city to play Shakespeare should give "The Mer-chant of Venice" to a mere handful, a practically empty house.

#### Volces a Criticism.

"What use is there in these societies? Why do they exist? To bring attention to themselves by pointing the finger of shame at that which does not measure up to their standards? And when something which is their standard comes to Washington, where are they? What have they done to uphold it, to, support it, to prove that it is a proper standard not alone for them but for

"I had thought that here in the Capital there would be more sincerity of purpose and action.
"But I find on the other hand



this city, they are utterly ignored.
"Until I can have some explanation
for this remarkable and paradoxical state of affairs, I will always con sider that the existence of these so cieties in the District of Columbia

## **DEFIES SCIENCE IN BLOOD DISEASES**

VIEWS Caw York Physician and Editor Declares Mercury and Salvarsan Do Not Cure.

> That science is wrong in its at tempts to cure diseases of the blood by mercury and salvarsan was the opinion expressed by Dr. Elmer Lee, New York dictician and editor of a health magazine, when he resumed hills of the salvarsan was the urged the enlargement of the puriod and the compulsory training of every male citizen for a prescribed period. He also spoke of the advisahis testimony as a witness for the defense in the trial of George H. Brinkler in Criminal Division, No. 2, clubs were the most active in the of the District Supreme Court, today. of the District Supreme Court, today. Brinkler is being tried on a charge of using the mails to defraud. He made claims through the mails to be able to cure blood ailments by a sys-

tem of diet, it is alleged.
"I have seen mercury and salvarsa used on hundreds of patients, and have never yet known of these drugcuring anyone," declared the witness.
Dr. Lee was on the stand but a short time this morning when Henry E. Davis, counsel for the defendant be gan reading depositions from clients of Brinkler, alleging cures by the de-fendant's diet method.

The New York dietician and editor made many other striking declarations when he took the stand late yesterday afternoon. He declared that the infantile paralysis of last summer was psychological and due to a nervous scare created by physicians, "The scare was as harmful as the disease," the witness declared. Dr. Lee quoted authorities to sub-stantiate his contention that half of

the diagnoses made by doctors were wrong. He declared that he had per-formed hundreds of autopsies and had always been impressed with the fact that it is very difficult to tell before death what is so easily perceived after life has gone.

"In other words a doctor has to kill his patient to discover what alls him?" asked Attorney Davis, of de-

#### RAILROADS SHOW GAIN

Net Operating Income Jumps \$63,-000,000 for Four Months.

The net operating income of the 185 railroads of the United States jumped \$63,000,000 during the four-month period ending November 1, over the corresponding period of 1915, accord-ing to figures given out by the Interstate Commerce Commission today.

The net income per mile of road opecrated increased for the four months by \$266—an average increase of \$66.50 per mile of road per month.

"Large roads" are those whose an-nual income of one million dollars a The increase came in the face of increased operating expenses of approximately \$100,000,000 for the four

NAON CALLS UPON WILSON. Argentine Ambassador Naon called upon President Wilson today to present an autograph letter from the re-Argentina send a personal letter of greetings to the heads of the various

countries of the world.

Mr. Naon will leave next Wednesday

#### INSTALL OFFICERS.

Officers for the ten camps of the United Spanish War Veterans were installed at a meeting last night of the united organizations in Pythian Temple. Daniel V. Chisholm, com-mander-in-chief, and Congressman L. C. Dyer, of Missouri, delivered ad-

# A STRONG BOOSTER FOR PLANT JUICE

Washington Man Says the New Herbal Remedy Has Relieved His Stomach Trouble.

Capital there would be more sincerity of purpose and action.

"But I find on the other hand a shallowness, and superficiality far outstripping anything ever discovered is the States.

"You have a Shakespeare Society Washington, and a Drama League in this city, not to mention many branches of the Federation of Women's Clubs, who use many hours of their valuable time talking about the Bard of Avon.

"And yet, when the plays which represent the very pith and body of their reasons for existence, come to find represent the very pith and body of their reasons for existence, come to fairly provided the success is proven every day by the large number of testimonials received from local people, stating the great benefit they have derived, after years of suffering.

One of the most recent is that of Mr. Michael Mahoney, of No. 232 Third street N. W., who is a trusted employe of a large steel mill, and has many acquaintances in this city. He said:

"I had suffered with my stomach

employe of a large steel mill, and has many acquaintances in this city. He said:

"I had suffered with my stomach for over two years, and all the food that I ate would ferment and cause gas to form: I was bloated and in the worst kind of misery. My liver was affected, which made me very dixxy at times, and I could never get t good night's sleep; I got very nervous and weak and was badly constipated. Nothing seemed to give me any relief, until I heard of your Plant Juice and began to take it. It gave me almost immediate relief, and now I am able to eat all of my meals and digest my food. I aleep well and am feeling the best I have in years; have no more headaches or dizzy spells and am not constipated. I am feeling like a new man and am glad to give this public indorsement for Plant Juice. You can count me as one of your strongest boosters."

The Plant Juice Man is at The People's Drug Store, corner of 7th and E streets N. W., where he is daily meeting the local public, and introducing and explaining the merits of this remedy.—Advt.

## **MOBILIZATION DID** NOT CRIPPLE GUARD

But Was Foundation for Establishment of System of National Preparedness.

Denying the statement that the na tional guard was dealt a death blow by its recent mobilization, Lieut. Col. William Libbey, of New Jersey, president of the National Rifle Association of America, urged the adoption of a system of military training in the United States, before a meeting of the association held in the New Willard Hotel last night.

bility of the trainers or officers of the militia being West Point graduates.

The fact that the District rifle port of Brig. Gen. Fred B. Wood, sec retary, in his annual report.

It was shown that 500,000 rounds of ammunition were fired at the Win-throp Range last year by the District Officers of the National Rifle As

sociation of America elected last night are: Lieut. Col. William Libbey, presi-dent; Major William C. Harllee, U. S. M. C., first vice president; Major Smith W. Brookhart, of Iowa, second vice president; C. C. Crossman, of Missouri, third vice president; Lieut. Col. David M. Flynn, of New Jersey, treasurer; Brig. Gen. Fred H. Phillips,

jr., Tennessee, secretary; Brig. Gen. Fred B. Wood, of Minnesota, and Col. John J. Dooley, of Maine, members of the executive committee, and Lieut. Isaac Dortch, U. S. N.; Major Fred M. Waterbury, of New York; Capt. E. V. Opis, of Virginia, and Major S. J. Fort, of Maryland, members of the

#### CUSTOMS SERVICE SAVES

Efficiency Brings Reduction in Cost of Handling Business.

Every dollar's worth of merchan dise, imported or exported into or from the United States in 1916, cost Uncle Sam one and one-half mills to party of America, today made a new handle. Two years ago it cost two move to end the world war. By caple and one-half mills.

Efficiency has found favor in the an international Socialist congress be

customs service, hence the reduction.

#### KANSANS TO CELEBRATE.

A banquet to celebrate Kansas Day will be held January 29 at the University Club. Senators and Congressman from the Sunflower State will be guests. A business meeting will fol-low to reorganize the Kansas State Society of the District. Kansans are requested to make reservation with tem-porary manager, V. Winthrope O'Hara, at the Y. M. C. A.

#### TO GIVE "THE MESSIAH."

Washington music lovers are antici pating a genuine treat for Monday paung a genuine treat for Monday evening when the evening choir of 100 voices of the Church of the Covenant will give "The Messiah." The choir is probably the only one in the country which attempts such a large undertaking as the singing of "The Messiah," without outside assistance.

Sydney Lloyd Wrightson will direct the affair. A double quartet and four additional soloists will take part in the program.

called June 3, 1917, to initiate an im-mediate and lasting peace.

"Convinced that the time is ripe for a revival of the Socialist international on the basis of a concerted working class movement for an imme-

SOCIALISTS MAKE

Urge International Congress to

Initiate an Immediate

and Lasting Peace.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—The national executive committee of the Socialist

less to Germany and Austria and by cable to Holland, Sweden, Norway, Deumark, England, France, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Russia, Belgium, MOVE TO END WAR and Argentina.

## CELEBRATE TENTH YEAR OF SERVICE

Miss Florence M. Brown Has Been With Local Y. W. C. A. for Decade.

C. A. is in large measure due to Miss The following message was sent to Florence M. Brown, general secre-international headquarters at The tary, was the statement of many at the celebration last night of her tenth year of service with the local

organisation.

The following speakers made short addresses lauding the work of Miss Brown: Dr. Ada Thempson, of the board of directors; Miss Mildred BaBrtholow, representing the various clubs; Miss Catherine Curtis, speaking for all the chapters; Miss Buth tional on the basis of a concernational on the basis of a concernational on the basis of a concernational on the basis of a concernation of the working class movement for an immediate, just and lasting peace, the Socialist party of the United States responsible to the Safftholow, representing the various clubs; Miss Catherine Curtis, speaking Unless by March 1, the bureau takes steps to call such a congress, our keny, representing the secretaries of the association; George Otis Smith. Of the association; George Otis Smith. Of the Saffillated parties.

"BERGER, SPARGO, HILLQUIT, MALEY, WORK,"

"National Executive Committee."

"National Executive Committee."

"National Executive Committee."

"Redeliffe, representing the women of the city.

MALEY, WORK,
"National Executive Committee."
To the Socialist national committe
in fourteen countries, the text of the
message to The Hague was transmitted with the statement:
"We urge your party to support our
request and to cable us your decision
at our expense."
These messages were sent by wire
the ministers of the city, and Mrs.
Radeliffe, representing the women of
the city.

Musical selections were given by
the association orchestra and a chorus composed of girls of the Mercantile
clubs. The musical program was under the direction of Mrs. Woodbuhy
Pulsifer, Miss Francis Chickering, and
Mrs. A. M. Blair.

# ARRIVES ON SPECIAL

Fifteen Cars Required to Transport Players and Scenery liere.

A special train bearing the person nel and paraphernalia of the Boston National Grand Opera Company atrived at Union Station this morning. The special train consisted of five Pullmans and a diner, together with nine scenery and baggage cars. After the arrival of the train at Union any Station it seemed as if an international congress had been dropped in Washington. Pretty nearly every tongue under the sun was spoken in connection with the transportation of the big company in a fleet of taxicabs to various hotals.

A large force of carpenters, elec-tricians, and decorators worked all of last night and today at Poll's will be sung. The orchestra pit space as been enlarged by the ren three rows of orchestra chairs to commodate the fifty-six musicians that the Boston-National Grand Opera-Company carries. A "diamond" horse-shee of boxes has been constructed midway in the suditorium abedit which there is also a promensia. Check rooms have been set up to the rear of the auditorium.

# \$3.00 Axminster Rugs \$1.88

27x54 fine grade Axminster Rugs; deep pile fabrics in light and black colorings. Floral and Oriental designs. Subject to slight defects.

STORE HOURS: 9 A. M. to 5:45 P. M. BOTH SIDES OF 7TH ST "THE DEPENDABLE STORE"

# \$3 Blankets and Comforts at \$1.88

# A Golden Stream of Remnant Day Econor

### Men's and Young Men's Suits

Every One a Good \$10.00

That's a Friday price on a lot of remainders from regular stockand you must come tomorrow if you want to select from these stylish and serviceable suits at \$7.85. We guarantee the same satisfaction and fit as though you were to pay the full ten dollars-their ac-

tual worth. Of Blue Cloth, in neat stripes also gray mixtures; in three-button sack model. Sizes 35 to 42.

Men's and Young Men's Over-costs, of high-grade materials, only one and two of a kind. Some quarter lined with satin. Sizes in the lot 34 to 40. Regular \$15.00 to \$22.50 values. Friday \$9.50

Tuxede Coats and Vests, of all-wool cloth; slik faced; sizes 37 to 44, including stouts. Left \$5.75 from suits sold at \$18.....

Men's Treusers, of good, service-able quality smooth Cassimeres and dark Mixtures. Sizes 31 to 42. Regular \$4.00 values \$2.95 \$2.95

one of a kind: sizes 34 to 40 only.
Nothing better made to \$15.75
sell for \$25. Friday at
Men's Clothing Dept.—4th Flace.

# Men's Furnishings Odd Lot of Men's Genuine Wright's Health Underwear; shirts only. Regular \$1.00

Men's Capeskin Automobile Gauntlets, lined or unlined styles; in black only. Mostly all sizes. \$1.15 Regular \$2.00 values ...

Men's Worsted Mixed Sweaters, in navy blue, light and oxford gray. V neck style. Regular \$1.79

Small lot of Men's Caps, new pat-terns; odd sizes. Regular \$1 65C values ..... Men's Domet Flannel Pajamas

heavy weight; trimmed with 98c silk frogs; all sizes..... Men's Furnishings Dept.-First

#### 121/2c and 15c White Huck Crash, 94c

Mill lengths of all white Huck Crash, in plain and fancy weaves; lengths from 2 to 10 yds. Suitable for roller, hand or tea towels. We cannot fill mail or phone or-

1st Floor-K Street Side.

### 50c and \$1.00 Silk Belts and Girdles, 16c

Odd lot of women's Silk Beits and Girdles, in many styles and colors; of taffeta silks, messalines and figured effects. First Floor Bargain Tables

## Mussed Undermuslins and Women's Wearables

Corset Covers, of fine nainsook, with lace and embroidery 19c trimmings: a triffe mussed.. 19c Petticoats, of fine grade muslin, with rows of val laces; some with embroidery. Sfightly \$1.49

Wool Yesta in white and a few colors; broken alses and 980 colled garments. Reduced to. 980

Women's Pajamas, of the flannel-ette; one-piece style; soiled. 79c Extra Size Petticoats, of blue and green eateen: pleated flounce with underlay and elastic 790

## A Friday Clean-up of Women's \$3.00 and \$3.50 High Shoes,

Third Floor.

Odds and ends and broken sizes of Women's High Shoes, in lace, button, and blucher styles; of patent colt, gun metal, vici kid, tan, and velvet. High and low heels, with cloth and leather tops. Sizes 21/2 to 7 in the lot-but not all sizes of every style.

\$1.95 Pair

Women's \$1.50 Overgaiters, in gray, white, brown and black; 8-buttons; sizes 2 to 7, at 95c pair.

## Remnant Lots of Hosiery Reduced

Women's Cotton Stockings. 

Women's Fibre Silk Stockings, in black and colors; seamless foot, double sole, garter top. 50c 35c

#### Remnants of Silks Up to \$2.00 Values at 75c

The best silk news printed for long time-remnants of our best a long time—remnants of our best selling lines of sliks, including 40-in. Colored Crepe de Chine, 40-in. Colored Crepe Meteor. 36-in. Colored Chiffon Taffets, 36-in. Colored Satin Messaline, 36-in. Colored Faille Slik Poplin, 36-in. Shantung Pon-gee, 23-in. Stripe Crepe de Chine, etc.

Desirable lengths for waists, pet-leoats, and dresses. Silk Department-First Floor.

### 69c and 79c Sheets, at 49c

Small lot of double bed size Bleached Sheets, heavy linen finish quality—slightly damaged. First Floor—8th Street Side.

# Odd Lots of

Odd lot of Fumed Onk Rockers and Chairs; sold regularly \$3.50 at \$5.00 and \$5.00.......

One Three-piece Library Suite, Jacobean design: upholatered in tapestry. Sold regularly \$37.50 at \$75.00. Reduced to... Two Brass Cribs, full size. Regular \$18 value...

Three Odd Brass Beds, oats. Regular \$15.00 posts. Regular \$15.00 \$8.75 4 Reed Rockers, natural \$2.75 One White Enamel Bed, floor sample (slightly imperfect), 214-inch posts. Regular \$18.00 \$7.50 value

satin walnut; sold regularly at \$22,50...... \$16.95 Two Oak Somnoes, sold \$4.98

Three Tollet Table Chairs, ma-hogany finish; sold regu- \$2.95 Two small Ovel Top Folding Tea Tebles: solid mahogany \$3.95

Seven Serving Tables, left from dining room suites; golden and fumed oak and mahogany finish. \$18.00 values. now.... \$8.85 \$12.50 values, now.... \$6.25 \$25.00 values, now.....\$14.75

small lots of serving trays, serving stands, etc. Some subject to slight imperfections.

\$1.00 Smokers' Stands, now ... \$1.98 Smokers' Stands, now ... \$1.00 \$2.98 Smokers' Stands, now...\$1.50 \$1.25 Serving Trays, now......25c 

#### 121/2c, 15c and 19c Flannels and Domestics, 94c yd.

Good useful lengths for making vomen's and children's garments. The lot includes:-

Percales in stripes and checks, Kiddie Kloth, Dress Ginghams, Printed Plisse Crepe, Outing Flannels, Bleached and Unbleached Canton and Domet Flannels, Duckling Fleecedown, etc., etc. Widths, 27

## \$4.50 Jap Matting Rugs, \$2.95

Handsome carpet design Reversi-ble Japanese Matting Rugs, of 180-warp smooth long rush straw, in green, blue, or red; also oriental and floral designs in light and dark colors. Excellent rugs for all the year round use. Rug Department-4th Floor.

## **Oddments of Chil**dren's Wearables

Middy Blomes, of galates cloth, various good styles; slightly ussed to Broken sizes. Re- 69c uced to .....

Girls' Dresses, of worsted ma-erials, in pretty plaids, with brown rimmings; also black-and-white hecks; broken sizes, 5 to 12 years. Regularly \$2.50.

Misses' Rain Conts, in tan only: large sizes only. Reduced \$1.79

Misses' Bath Robed, of heavy fleeced material, dark and 79c medium colors. Reduced to.. Oddments of Children's Wear-Muslin Petticoats and Muslin Knick-erbocker Drawers. Reduced 17c

Children's Wool Scarf Sets, with oque to match, in assorted \$1.29 Juvenile Dept.-3rd Floor.

#### Sample Strips and Half Pairs Curtains, 29c Each

\$2.00, and \$3.00. They are 1% to 3 yards long and many match into pairs. White, ivory, and ecru, in plain, novelty effects and heavy worked designs. Just what you want for rooms with but one or two windows to curtain. The best qualities are in the shorter lengths.

#### Fourth Floor. 10,000 Yards of 121/2c and 15c Curtain Scrim, 7½c yd.

Mill lengths up to 10 yds-hundreds of yards of the same pattern. The most popular materials for curtains, draperies, and scarfs. 36-in. Curtain Scrim and Casement Cloth. of good sheer quality, in white, cream, and ecru grounds, with floral and figured borders and all-over effects-every conceivable color com-

Remnant Sale of Dress Goods and Coatings

ist Floor-Bargain Table.

87c yd.-Worth to \$1.25 and \$1.50

Lot includes Storm Serge, Poplin. Prench Serge, Prunella, Gabardine, Cheviots, Broadcloths, Silk-andwool Poplins, etc. Widths, 44 to 54 inches, in black and colors.

\$1.19 yd.-Worth \$2, \$2.50 and \$3

Wanted

Velours. Chinchillas, Plaid Backs Thibets, Mackinaws, Bolivia, Boucle, Covert, Diagonal Stripes, Zibelines, etc. Widths, 54 to 60 inches; lengths from 11/2 to 4 yards. Dress Goods Dept.-lat Floor.

materials,

Odd Lots and Broken

## Boys' Clothing and Furnishings

Pirst Ploor Bargain Boots Boys' Winter Weight Overcouts-cossick and Polo models. \$1.90

Boys' Overcosts One and two of kind and material; sises 15, 14, and 16 years, reduced \$4,49 Boys' Norfelk Suits—Of black cheviot, with full lined Knicker-becker pants; sizes 7 to 17 \$5.75 years, sold up to \$3.00, at \$5.75 Solied from handling; odd 25C sizes, reduced to 

Boys Wash Suits Odds and ends: some slightly mussed; white and colors; sizes 24, 2, 4, and 5 years. Values to \$1.50 at ... 69c First Floor-Bargain Booth. Boys' Tan Raincoats With hat to match; button to neck style; sizes 6 to 18 years, reduced 52 39

Boys' Clothing Department-34

#### \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50 Lace Curtains at \$1.39 Pair

Small lots, consisting of one to four pairs of a kind—Scotch, Nottingham and Lace-edged Curtains left from our recent big mill purchase. 2½, 3 and 3½ yards long. 36 to 54 inches wide, in white, ivory, ecru and Arabian shades.

Fourth Floor.

# 15c Unbleached Sheeting Cotton,

40 inches wide, in good lengths for making sheets. Heavy, found thread quality. First Floor—8th Street Side.

#### 40c Satine Linings, 25c a yd.

Mill lengths from one to 4 yards, consisting of the finest Egyptian yarn qualities, of highly lustrous quality. Colors and black.
Lining Department—lat Floor.

# Buttons, 5c Card

Dress, coat and trimming sises, in celluloid, voty, metal and novelty effects—large variety of styles and colors. On cards containing three, four, and six buttens. Sold regularly up to 75c a dozen—at 5c a card.

card. Bargain Table—Int Floor, GOLDENBERG'S-BOTH SIDES OF SEVENTH STREET"